## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September, 2020

The Honorable William P. Barr Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

We write today requesting that U.S. Attorney John Durham's investigation into the origins of the Russia probe be released upon completion and made available to the American people in an expedient fashion.

While we understand the Department of Justice has guidance on what can be made public 90 days before an election, we believe in upholding the rule of law and that criminal investigations into the egregious abuse of federal power must be made transparent and brought swiftly to justice.

As potentially one of the biggest political crimes that this country has ever seen, we believe that this investigation should be of top priority and the release of this report should not be dictated by an election schedule. The American people deserve to be made aware of any criminal actions that took place in past investigations and are relying on this report in order to be made fully informed of any misconduct of top-ranked federal officials. Several of the incidents in this report span more than five years in time and should have been investigated and shared publicly long before now.

In April of 2019, the Mueller Report was released to the public, which proved that there was no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded with the Russians during the 2016 election. Following the acquittal of President Trump, U.S. Attorney John Durham was appointed to investigate the origin of the FBI's investigation and any criminal interference that may have played a part in the probe.

Mr. Durham was tasked to conduct a comprehensive global probe of a variety of incidents dating back several years. These incidents under review include the U.S. government's mishandling of the investigation on Russian interreference in the 2016 election, the malfeasance in former National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn's, investigation, and the Biden family's illicit involvement in Ukraine while Joe Biden was serving as Vice President of the United States. This investigation that Durham was tasked with shifted to a criminal inquiry in the Fall of 2019, with an expected final report to be released mid-2020.

It is troubling to see the large-scale abuse of surveillance powers in federal agencies that are supposed to be protecting the privacy and freedom of Americans – all in an effort to gain politically. There needs to be accountability for any officials who lied to Congress about the investigations, manipulated federal inquiries for political gain, and who illegally spied on duly elected officials. With this in mind, we urge you to release the findings of the Durham investigation in a timely and expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

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